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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY WENDT and WHITEAD
1 3 A Resolution commemorating the sesquicentennial
1 4 anniversary of the founding of the city of Sioux City.
1 5 WHEREAS, in 1804 the Lewis and Clark Expedition
1 6 reached the banks of the mighty Missouri River at the
1 7 place where the city of Sioux City, Iowa, would later
1 8 be founded, and there Sergeant Charles Floyd of the
1 9 Corps of Discovery died and was laid to rest; and
1 10 WHEREAS, at that time Captain Lewis recorded
1 11 perhaps the first written description of the area
1 12 where the Big Sioux and Floyd Rivers join the Missouri
1 13 River; and
1 14 WHEREAS, an independent fur-trader, Theophile
1 15 Bruguier was the first settler on land that would
1 16 become Sioux City, founding a farm that later grew to
1 17 a collection of cabins, Indian tepees, and a trading
1 18 post; and
1 19 WHEREAS, early settlers begin platting the outline
1 20 of the city in the winter of 1854 and 1855, and in
1 21 1856 a steamboat arrived at the growing community from
1 22 St. Louis, loaded with ready-framed houses and
1 23 provisions, sparking additional growth; and
1 24 WHEREAS, on January 16, 1857, the city of Sioux
1 25 City, Iowa, was incorporated; and
1 26 WHEREAS, in the following decades Sioux City has
1 27 grown from a frontier town to a true metropolitan
1 28 community, supporting four institutions of higher
1 29 education: Morningside College, Briar Cliff
1 30 University, St. Luke's College of Nursing, and Western
2 1 Iowa Tech Community College; a vibrant economy; and a
2 2 variety of cultural and entertainment opportunities;
2 3 and
2 4 WHEREAS, twice named an All-American City by the
2 5 National Civic League, Sioux City, Iowa, serves as the
2 6 regional hub for business, employment, industry,
2 7 retail trade, medical care, educational opportunities,
2 8 and tourism in northwest Iowa, southeast South Dakota,
2 9 and northeast Nebraska; and
2 10 WHEREAS, Sioux City has now developed a plan for
2 11 the Iowa Great Places initiative which focuses on
2 12 creating recreational trails and signs highlighting
2 13 attractions in the downtown area and preserving the
2 14 historic significance of the existing Sioux City
2 15 stockyards while also transforming the area for
2 16 recreational use; the plan also calls for creation of
2 17 a Sioux City School of Architecture to capitalize on
2 18 the community's unique terra cotta "brand"; and
2 19 WHEREAS, more than 140,000 people now live in that
2 20 tri-state metropolitan area; NOW THEREFORE,
2 21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 22 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
2 23 extends its congratulations to the city of Sioux City
2 24 on its sesquicentennial anniversary year and for its
2 25 150 years of service to its citizens and its role in
2 26 making the state of Iowa a great place to live and
2 27 work; and
2 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
2 29 this Resolution be prepared and presented to the
2 30 citizens of Sioux City.
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